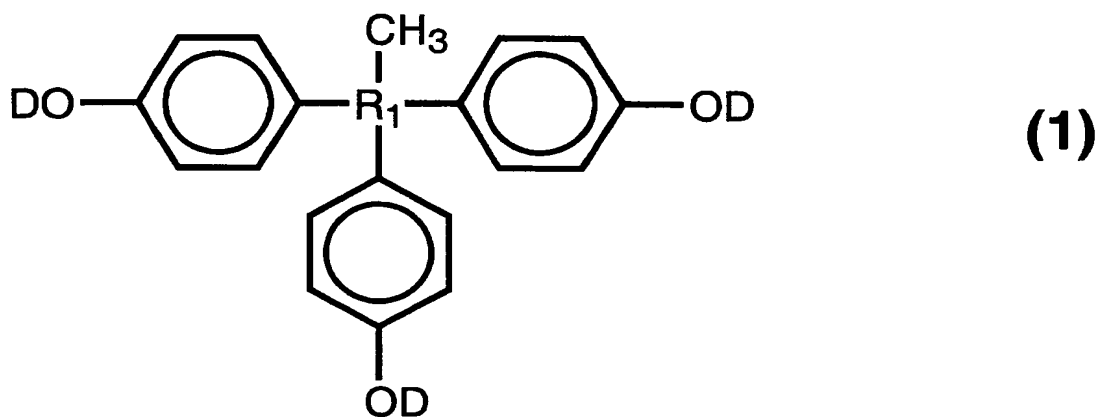
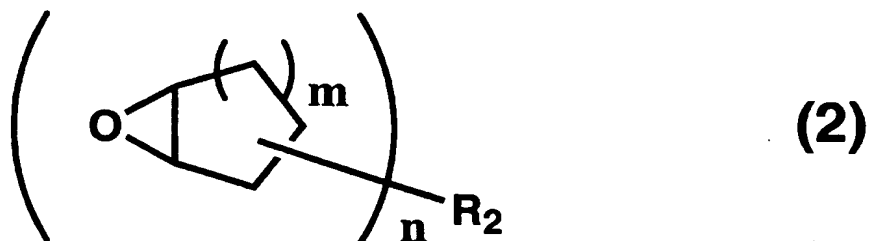


## CLAIMS

1. A positive photosensitive resin composition characterized by comprising an alkali-soluble resin which is a copolymer essentially comprising an unsaturated  
 5 carboxylic acid derivative and an N-substituted maleimide and which has a number average molecular weight of from 2,000 to 20,000, a 1,2-quinone diazide compound represented by the formula (1):



- 10 (wherein each D independently is a hydrogen atom or an organic group having a 1,2-quinone diazide group, R<sub>1</sub> is a tetravalent organic group, provided that at least one of D is an organic group having a 1,2-quinone diazide group), and from 5 to 50 parts by weight, per 100 parts by weight  
 15 of the alkali-soluble resin, of a crosslinking compound represented by the formula (2):



(wherein  $n$  is an integer of from 2 to 10,  $m$  is an integer of from 0 to 4, and  $R_2$  is an  $n$ -valent organic group).

2. The positive photosensitive resin composition

5 according to Claim 1, wherein the residual monomer ratio in the alkali-soluble resin is at most 2.5 wt%.

3. The positive photosensitive resin composition

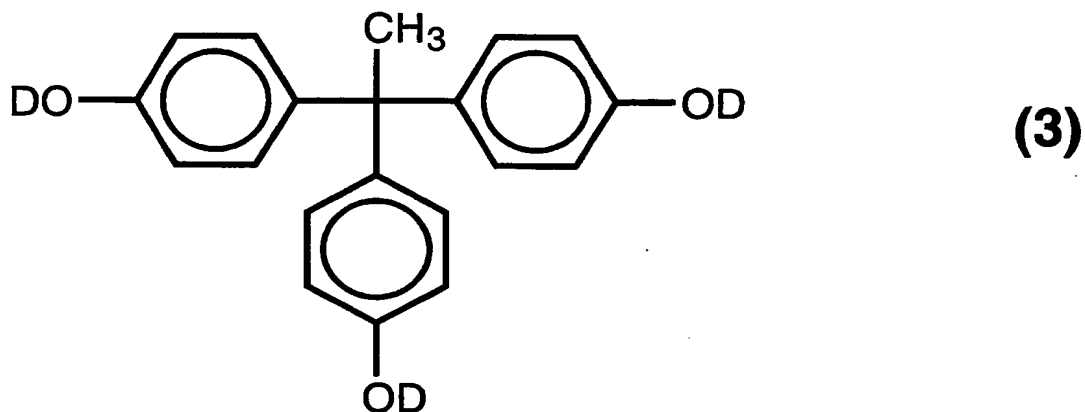
according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the 1,2-quinone diazide compound is contained in an amount of from 5 to

10 100 parts by weight, per 100 parts by weight of the alkali-soluble resin.

4. The positive photosensitive resin composition

according to Claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the 1,2-quinone diazide compound is a compound represented by the

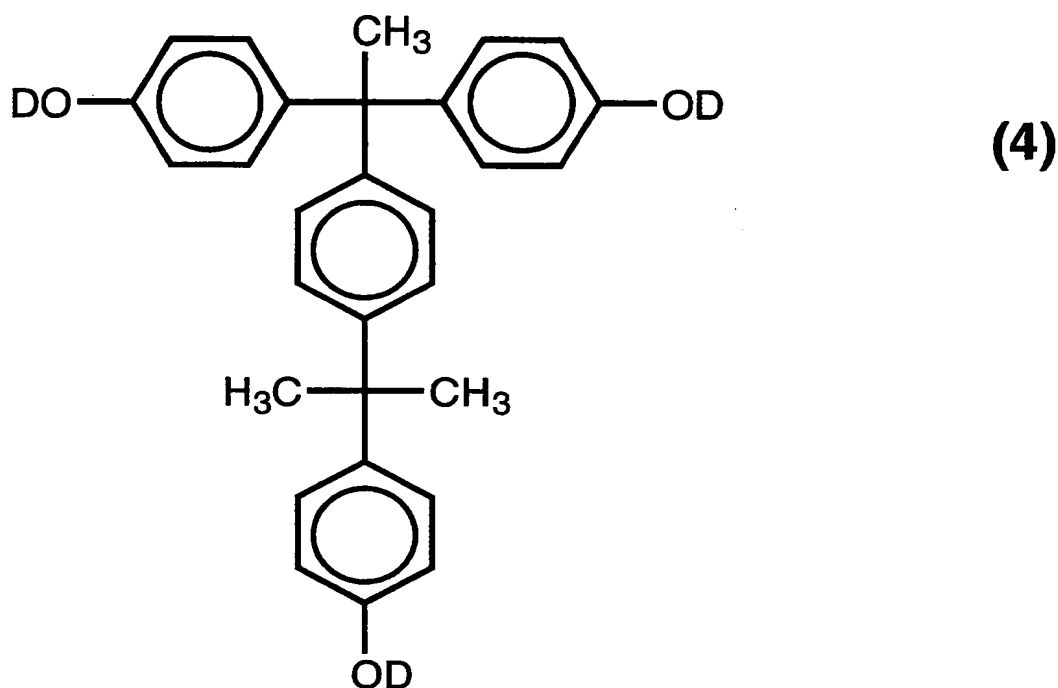
15 following formula (3):



(wherein each D independently is a hydrogen atom or an

organic group having a 1,2-quinone diazide group,  
provided that at least one of D is an organic group  
having a 1,2-quinone diazide group).

5. The positive photosensitive resin composition  
5 according to Claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the 1,2-quinone  
diazide compound is a compound represented by the  
following formula (4):



- (wherein each D independently is a hydrogen atom or an  
10 organic group having a 1,2-quinone diazide group,  
provided that at least one of D is an organic group  
having a 1,2-quinone diazide group).

6. The positive photosensitive resin composition  
according to any one of Claims 1 to 5, wherein the  
15 alkali-soluble resin has no epoxy group.

7. The positive photosensitive resin composition

according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein n is an integer of from 3 to 10, and m is an integer of 2 in the crosslinking compound represented by the formula (2).

8. The positive photosensitive resin composition

5 according to any one of Claims 1 to 7, which contains a surfactant in an amount of from 0.01 to 5 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the alkali-soluble resin.

9. The positive photosensitive resin composition

10 according to any one of Claims 1 to 8, wherein the positive photosensitive resin composition is a solution having a solid content concentration of from 1 to 50 wt%.